

**City of Aberdeen**  
**Business Meeting, Work Session**  
**February 9, 2015**

**Council Present:** Mayor Bennett, Councilwoman Elliott, Councilwoman Landbeck, Councilman Smith and Councilwoman Young

**Council Absent:** None

**Staff:** Douglas Miller, City Manager  
Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Community Development  
Kyle Torster, Director of Department of Public Works  
Monica Correll, City Clerk  
Doris Manner, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers by Mayor Bennett.

A. Matters of Immediate and Urgent Business – None

B. Work Session

1. Finance

- a) Trash Sticker Licensing – A formal licensing program is needed to regulate and monitor the trash sticker program, known as “pay-as-you-throw”. The program is successful as an incentive for citizens to recycle. Stores will be allowed to resell the stickers with modest handling fee of about 10%. The city attorney is drafting an ordinance.

2. Planning

- a) IBD Uses
- b) Boat and RV Storage
- c) Wellhead Protection Ordinance Changes

Mr. Miller said that ordinances for these three subjects are planned for introduction on February 23, 2015, the public hearing on March 23, 2015, and adoption on April 27, 2015. The Council discussed their concerns.

- d) Grants Status – Ms. Grover provided an update on grants.

Type of Grant	Agency	Amount of Grant	Project Name
Community Development Block Grant	Harford County Government/HUD (FY 2014)	<b>\$85,444.57</b>	Street paving
Community Development Block Grant	Harford County Government/HUD (FY2015)	<b>\$86,994.00</b>	Street paving and lighting upgrades at the Aberdeen Swim Center
Community Parks and Playgrounds	Maryland Department of Natural Resources	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	Festival Park Water Feature

<b>Type of Grant</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Amount of Grant</b>	<b>Project Name</b>
Community Parks and Playgrounds	Maryland Department of Natural Resources	\$45,000.00 Pending	G. DeWayne Curry Memorial Park/Aberdeen Dog Park
Community Legacy Program - Façade Improvement Program (FY 14)	Department of Housing and Community Development	\$50,000.00 - \$15,000.00 remaining funds	Undetermined at this time.
Community Legacy Program – Façade Improvement Program (FY 15)	Department of Housing and Community Development	\$50,000.00	Undetermined at this time.
Maryland’s Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund (FY 14)	Department of Housing and Community Development	\$200,000.00 - \$81,488.39 remaining funds	Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development/Site Acquisition and Demolition of 15 E. Bel Air Avenue
Maryland’s Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund (FY 15)	Department of Housing and Community Development	\$175,000.00	Aberdeen Transit Oriented Development/Site Acquisition and Demolition of 25 N. Philadelphia Blvd.
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$792,438.57</b>	

### 3. Other

- a) Highway User Revenues (HURs) Status – The Mayor reported that Governor Hogan has conveyed to the Maryland Municipal League (MML), the Maryland Mayors Association, and Maryland Association of Counties, that full restoration of HURs was a priority for him. The Legislative Committee of MML is also monitoring bills that affect municipalities.
- b) Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) – The trustee for the city will be ICMA Retirement Corporation.
- c) Unsafe Buildings – An ordinance is being prepared to include an independent arbitrator in the appeals process.
- d) Maryland Mayors Association (MMA) Update – Mayor Bennett recently attended a MMA conference and forums about community policing, safety and security, and emergency management.
- e) Councilwoman Young proposed to have the Architectural Review Committee involved in the development of the area in the proximity of Middleton Road and Rt. 22, especially since there will be a vacancy left by Mars Supermarket upon its departure in spring. She also suggested that fire hydrant flushing information be included in the city newsletter to help residents.
- f) Mr. Miller announced that there will be a nomination made for the Board of Appeals to replace Councilman Smith.

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**Announcements:**

February 16; Presidents Day (Office Closed)

February 23; Council Meeting

March 2; Business Meeting/Work Session

March 9; Business Meeting/Work Session

**Adjournment:** Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.